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AN INVESTIGATION BY SENIOR SOUTH VIETNAMESE MILITARY OFFICIALS HAS POSITIVELY ESTABLISHED THAT THERE WERE NO SOVIET-BUILT PT-76 TANKS INVOLVED IN THE ATTACK LAST WEEKEND ON THE GOVERNMENT OUTPOST OF LONG KHOT IN THE DELTA PROVINCE OF KIEN TUONG. THIS INFORMATION, RELEASED IN THE COURSE OF A PRESS BRIEFING, WAS APPARENTLY PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CURRENT PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS. THE NORTH VIETNAMESE DO HAVE A NUMBER OF PT-76 AS WELL AS LARGER TANKS IN THEIR CAMBODIAN BASE AREAS, BUT THE OPEN TERRAIN AND UPCOMING FLOODING IN THE DELTA PROVINCES WOULD INHIBIT THEIR USE THERE. [redacted]

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